

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-14, 17-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38-42, 44, 45, 48, and 49 were pending prior to amendment. Claims 1-9, 11-14, 17-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, and 39 stand allowed. Claims 40-42, 44-45, and 48-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication 2003/013646 to Forrester, in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0184418 to Blight and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0046158 to Kratky.

Please cancel claims 40-42, 44-45, and 48-49, without prejudice or disclaimer. With this amendment, all claims have been placed in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue, or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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